On behalf of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, we are glad to welcome you to Darmstadt, Germany

Your gaining section will assign you a sponsor. If you do not hear from your sponsor, please do not hesitate to contact the First Sergeant. The normal procedure is for you to arrive at Frankfurt International Airport. If your orders state anything different, please contact your sponsor or First Sergeant immediately so we can get your arrival destination corrected. Your arrival and integration into the 66th MI team is very important to us. If you have any questions or do not receive good feedback from your sponsor, feel free to contact us.

If you have not done so already, you should begin processing your Security Clearance with your S-2/SSO immediately. Ensure you obtain the DTG of your clearance message for in-processing here at our SSO.

Normally you will in-process here for up to 10 days, as you find housing and coordinate with transportation and other support activities on post. You will in-process the company (which involves admin, supply, and the 1SG/Commander), Group S1, S2/S3, the PSB Detachment and the local finance. Once you arrive to the unit, you will complete the required Headstart (basic German familiarization course), which is a week long and sponsored by the installation as the courses are available. Once that is completed you will begin your normal duty with your section. The company has an excellent Family Readiness Group (FRG) and Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers (BOSS) Program, which welcomes your involvement. These groups provide great support and will be eager to assist in your transition to beautiful Darmstadt, Germany.

Facilities available here in Darmstadt include a PX, small commissary, shoppette, library, arts and crafts shop, bowling alley, movie theater, credit union, and community bank. The medical facilities here in Darmstadt are good. The medical and dental clinics are combined in the same facility. For specialized medicine, we normally go to regional Military Hospitals. For emergencies we utilize the German hospital located in the city of Darmstadt, close to the housing areas and military installations.

The 1SG's contact information is: DSN 314-347-3458 or commercial (calling from the states) 011-49-6155-60-3458. E-mail address on the DOD unclassified system is: Josh.hancock@mi.army.mil; E-mail address on AKO is: josh.hancock@us.army.mil